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For : METHOD AND NOISE REDUCTION USING INSTANTANEOUS SIGNAL- TO-NOISE RATION AS THE PRINCIPAL QUANTITY FOR OPTIMAL ESTIMATION	Examiner: Albertalli
Docket No.: M61.12-0522	

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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Submitted herewith is a copy (with English translation as appropriate) of a First Office Action from the People's Republic of China in counterpart foreign application No. 2004100642175 filed August 19, 2004.

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The information disclosure statement is being filed:

1.  with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

2.  after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:

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- A.  a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).
- B.  the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

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- A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e);
- B. the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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